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## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

### **HB 4236 (Ehardt)**

House Bill 4236 adds respiratory therapist as a licensed health profession in Michigan. Therapists would be required to pay a license fee.

- **HB 4236 was returned from the House after enrollment had been vacated.**
- **The Senate reconsidered adoption of the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 4236 [no RC].**

## FINAL PASSAGE

### **SB 109 (Garcia)**

Senate Bill 109 moves the Commission on Spanish-speaking affairs from the Office of Management of Budget to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

- **SB 109 passed [RC 10: 38 yes, 0 no].**

### **HB 4478 (O'NEIL)**

Oppose: Planned Parenthood, MARAL, Michigan NOW, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women -- This legislation would place an undue burden on a minor seeking a waiver of parental consent by forcing her to overcome certain rebuttable presumptions. The criteria to be used are subjective and vague, and could lead to putting the minor on trial for past indiscretions or tragic circumstances she could not control. Overall, if passed, this bill would be a setback for the rights of minors.

Support: Right to Life of Michigan, Michigan Catholic Conference -- Overall, this legislation would provide judges with standards by which to decide a case, thus promoting statewide consistency, and would tend to reduce the number of parental consent waivers granted. This would ultimately encourage the minor to consult with her parents/guardian, thereby strengthening parental rights.

- **Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC]. S-2 differs from the House passed bill in that: 1) removes language allowing for appointment of lawyer/guardian to represent the interests of the parents, if one is appointed for the minor; 2) removes language that would allow a judge to use minor's "sexual activity" in determining her maturity; 3) adds language allowing minor to request a re-hearing of her petition if**

her circumstances have changed; 4) adds language requiring court to determine if minor is seeking waiver voluntarily or has been coerced.

- HB 4478 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SCOTT 1 (13 amendments) was defeated [no RC]. This would allow a family member (brother, sister, uncle, aunt, etc.), over the age of 30, to provide a parental waiver.
- CLARK-COLEMAN 2 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would provide an exception for rape or incest.
- BRATER 3 (2 amends) was defeated [no RC]. This would provide an exemption for medical emergencies or if there was reason to believe the minor will commit suicide, or resort to a self-induced abortion or an abortion performed by an unqualified person, continuation of the pregnancy will result in permanent physical harm or infertility to the minor.
- CHERRY 4 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would provide an exception for a minor who has received counseling from a mental health professional or who is mature and sufficiently well-enough informed to independently make the decision regarding the abortion.
- JACOBS 5 (2 amends) was defeated [no RC].
- HB 4478 passed [RC 9: 25 yes, 13 no]. Immediate Effect was not given to the bill.